**Setting up of Central Madarsa Board**

2550. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to set up Central Madarsa Board;

(b) if so, by when and who will be the members; and

(c) whether Government would seek experience of various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The proposal in regard to establishing a Central Madrasa Board, through an Act of Parliament, for standardizing the education in modern subjects of Science, Maths, etc. which are non-theological, was proposed in a report of a National Conference organized by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). Since it is not a proposal initiated by the Government, any decision in this regard shall be taken only in the event of there being consensus among all stakeholders. At present there are Madrasa Boards in the States of Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

**National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education**

2551. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide quality teachers in the country;

(b) if so, whether National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has fixed any norms and standards for quality teachers and to ensure planned and coordinated development of teacher education in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education finalized by the NCTE for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government continuously takes steps for improving the quality of teacher education in the country. The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) frames norms and standards for various teacher education courses, which are reviewed and revised periodically. Latest norms and standards have been notified on 31st August, 2009. The revised norms and standards *inter-alia* provide online receipt of applications, enhanced qualification for recruitment of teacher educators, improved teaching learning/instructional resources in teacher education institutions, increased number of working days for practical and school based experience, compulsory accreditation of the teacher training institutions by National Assessment and